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**FEDERAL AND STATE LEADERS COME TOGETHER FOR VIRGINIA
PANDEMIC INFLUENZA SUMMIT**

WHAT: The Virginia Pandemic Influenza Summit will bring together federal, state and local leaders to review and discuss Virginia's pandemic influenza (flu) planning. Following the morning's presentations, the Virginia Department of Health will host several breakout sessions to facilitate discussion among community leaders to help foster planning efforts. At the conclusion of the summit, participants will be able to describe the issues and efforts surrounding pandemic flu planning, and the components needed to develop their own community pandemic flu plan. Each participant will receive a general information packet on pandemic flu and preparedness efforts. The information packet will also include an educational DVD on Virginia pandemic flu preparedness. Press kits containing speaker biographies, interview opportunities and a handbook for journalists covering pandemic flu will also be available to media attending the summit. Media should sign in at the press station to pick up both packets. The summit is not open to the general public.

WHEN: Thursday, March 23 at 7:30 a.m.

WHERE: Greater Richmond Convention Center
Grand Ballroom
403 North 3rd Street
Richmond, Va. 23219

WHO: The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine
Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia

The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt
Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The Honorable Marilyn B. Tavenner
Secretary, Virginia Health and Human Resources

Robert B. Stroube, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner, Virginia Department of Health

Lisa G. Kaplowitz, M.D., M.S.H.A.
Deputy Commissioner, Virginia Department of Health

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Admiral John O. Agwunobi, M.D., M.B.A, M.P.H.
Assistant Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services

Tom Lockwood
Director, Office of National Capital Region Coordination, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Terry Taylor, D.V.M.
Area Veterinarian in Charge, U.S. Department of Agriculture

For more information on the Virginia Pandemic Influenza Summit, visit
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